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Dear Mr. Garrison

47 I thank you ever so much for your Good Frank letter, and for the pleasant appreciation you express of my work—

I would not take another moment of your time. only that I wish you might see as I do the need of another organisation.

You said the other day, at Mrs. Severance's that you could not work with the parties that lead the present national association—

The very same reasons that prevent your cooperation with them, keep away a great many others— The Cause is entitled to the help of the best people, in

in the most effective way—

If in the heat of the anti Slavery battle, there had been only such a national association and organ, as the Woman's Cause now have, would you not have felt that in justice to the negro, (no matter what difficulties were in the way) he was entitled to the benefit of a national Association, that would command the co-operation, and confidence of such men as you?

There is no vantage ground equal to the truth— Woman needs the united help of all those who sympathize with her cause,— who can have faith in each other, and who know that no influence is so great as that which comes from the simple honest, straightforward advocacy of a principle on its own merits—

To see it is clear, that the

organisation we propose, will be the means of uniting such as these. And that any positive gain must be the result - We shall not quarrel with the other organisation —

I wish we could work with them. I should rejoice more than any man can do, if we had the basis of cooperation. But it does not exist —

I shall try to go to Chicago, and am very sorry you will not be able to go too -

Very truly yours

Lucy Stone